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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges set up in Maharashtra during the last three years, rural and urban areas, separately;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges is the State during 2002-03;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) by when these exchanges are likely to be set up;

(e) whether many lines in rural telephone exchanges often remain faulty;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
(g) the corrective steps taken by the Government to repair these lines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) The number of Telephone Exchanges set up in Maharashtra during the last three years is as under:

Year	Total	Rural	Urban
1999-2000	434	364	70
2000-2001	945	910	35
2001-2002	339	268	71

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir . It is proposed to set up 170 numbers of new Telephone Exchanges in Maharashtra State during 2002-2003.

(d) 37 number of Telephone Exchanges have already been installed and the remaining will be installed and the remaining will be installed by 31-3-2003.

(e) to (g): No, Sir. However in the event of cable fault, the duration of fault is longer. The following corrective steps are being taken to repair faulty liner:

(i) Long distance overhead wire is being replaced by under ground cable.

(ii) 10 pair cable distribution points are introduced.

(iii) Faulty instruments are being repaired / replaced immediately.

(iv) major cable faults are localized and attended immediately by working round the clock

(v) Reliable media is being extended to all Telephone Exchanges.